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## THE AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION.

THE American Forestry Association held its summer meeting at Springfield, Massachusetts, on September 4th and 5th, in connection with the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The President of this Association, the Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Secretary of Agri-

culture, was prevented by official business from attending, but sent his regards together with expressions of deep interest in the objects of the meeting.

Capt. Francis H. Appleton, Vice-President, from Massachusetts, presided and opened the session by a brief address detailing the condition of forestry in Massachusetts and referring to the action of the State Board of Agriculture through its Forestry Division. The first business was the appointment of Messrs. Fernow, Higley, Moses, Walker and Appleton as a Committee on Resolutions to report at the end of the session. The Hon. G. F. Talbot, of Maine, made an address in which he advocated that all worthless lands forfeited by tax sales be permanently held by the State and devoted to the purpose of the production of trees, such lands being admirably adapted to this end. He spoke of the fire laws of Maine and stated that the adverse interests of forest owners was the great obstacle to any reform in the proper control. Under a sharp competition the land was stripped of everything salable and the refuse left where it happened to fall, thus ultimately becoming through its inflammability a menace to all neighboring property.

Mr. George H. Moses, Secretary of the New Hampshire Forestry Commission, reviewed the history of legislative attempts to provide suitable protection to the forests, and spoke of the creation of the present